

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 140**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia**

January 16, 2007

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An act to amend Section 15.1 of Chapter 1069 of the Statutes of 1961, relating to the Desert Water Agency.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 140, as introduced, Garcia. Desert Water Agency.

Existing law authorizes the Desert Water Agency to develop hydroelectric energy for use by the agency to construct, operate, and maintain its project for the control, conservation, diversion, and transmission of water.

This bill would instead authorize the Desert Water Agency to develop energy for the above purposes, as well as, for the construction, treatment, and disposal of sewage.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15.1 of the Desert Water Agency Law
- 2 (Chapter 1069 of the Statutes of 1961) is amended to read:
- 3 SEC. 15.1. The agency shall have the power to construct,
- 4 operate, and maintain works to develop ~~hydroelectric~~ energy, for
- 5 use by the agency in the operation of its works or as a means of
- 6 assisting in financing the construction, operation, and maintenance
- 7 of its project for the control, conservation, diversion, and
- 8 transmission of water, *or for the construction, treatment, and*

1 *disposal of sewage*, and to enter into contracts for the sale of such  
2 energy for a term not to exceed 50 years. Such energy may be  
3 marketed only at wholesale to any public agency or private entity,  
4 or both, or the federal or state government. *For the purposes of*  
5 *this section, “disposal of sewage” includes the sale or resale of*  
6 *treated effluent for any purposes.*